

Study guide for Chapter 4 Part 2-A New Nation Forms

Vocabulary to know:

American Revolution

Declaration of Independence

Fort Mifflin

Articles of Confederation

U.S. Constitution

Bill of Rights

independence

Congress

Constitution

amendment

ratify

The two major results that come from the American Revolutionary War

1. Colonists gained independence from Great Britain
2. U.S. gained land from the Appalachian Mountains to the Mississippi River

Reasons the colonists declared independence from Great Britain

1. The colonists desired the freedom to form their own government
2. The colonists were denied representation in British Parliament
3. The colonists wanted freedom to settle west of the Appalachian Mountains
4. The colonists desired the liberty to make their own laws and taxes
5. The colonists saw King George III as a tyrant

The Declaration of Independence became official on July 4, 1776. That's why we celebrate Independence Day on the Fourth of July.

The differences between the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution:

Articles of Confederation

No president

Cannot tax states or protect citizens

Weak national government

One-house congress

A "half-starved, limping government"

Ineffective

U.S. Constitution

President

Can tax states and protect citizens

Strong national government

Two-house government

Allows for changes to the Constitution

Effective